



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on June 18, 2008 at Ben Furlong Education Building – 8700 S. Kyrene Rd., Tempe AZ 85284.

Jackie Garner, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Council Chair Garner welcomed Sharon Layton, the newest addition to the First Things First team and she thanked Vice Chair Dillon for chairing last month's meeting. Council members introduced themselves and whom they represent in the community.

Members Present

Andrea Colby, Angela Capone, Bonni Pomush, Hope Dillon, Jackie Garner, Kathy Halter, Maureen Duane, Trinity Donovan

Members Absent

Karen Emery
Glenn Waterkotte

Guests

Hazel Chandler, First Things First
K. Vilay, First Things First
Terri Duhart, First Things First

Wendy Sabatini, First Things First
Patricia Goubeaux, Consultant
Three guests from the public

Approval of 5/21/08 Minutes

There was a motion to accept the minutes by member Colby and seconded by member Pomush. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Needs Assessments and Data

Joanne: Thanked the council for working with her and for their cooperation. She stated that Key Informant Interviews would be done and that the informants are actually sitting on the council.

Conclusion:

Council members will complete the survey and also forward it to their contacts, parents, and others. All surveys are to be returned to Joanne via email and Joanne will forward them to Patricia. The surveys are due to Joanne by the beginning of next week.

Patricia Goubeaux - Consultant: Gave an informal report of where she is at in terms of getting data that she can see across national, county, regional, and state levels, which presents challenges when broken down by region.

Patricia reminded the council that this is a process, the beginning steps of what can be found right now, what it will look like and where there are gaps, then how to take the information and build from it with consistent data looked at across the regions with similar kinds of indicators and measures.

She also addressed council concerns from the May meeting identifying issues that were important to them and which ones she could realistically zero in on. An assets chart will be placed in the appendixes of the report with all of the names and locations that will be mapped by zip code.

There was a question and answer session and discussion regarding Patricia's report and information and data collection.

Draft of Letter

Joanne: Shared that the draft had been edited at the state level. Chair Garner informed the council that they would be deciding if they wanted to adopt the draft and if so to whom the letter should go to. After discussion, chair Garner asked for a motion to approve the scope of the draft to city councils and other community people as discussed. Member Pomush motioned to accept the scope of the draft as discussed. Member Capone seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Conclusion:

Joanne will produce a redraft based on the discussions, pass it back through the state, and then email it to council members for review and response.

Adoption of Request to Present at Council Meetings

Joanne presented the council with an Agency Request to Present draft that other councils are considering. The actual request with details and program information must still be developed.

Conclusion:

Members Pomush and Donovan will study the draft and make recommendations and produce the request letter to be sent via email to Joanne for the July council meeting.

Quality Improvement Rating System (QIRS) Presentation

K. Vilay (policy analyst): Gave an overview of the QIRS stating that it is one of several statewide initiatives funded and approved by the state board.

Council Updates

- Chair Garner suggested having someone speak to the council, in the near future, on a system building approach to the use of dollars.

Call to the Public

Additional suggestions were given for improving the draft of letter.

Adjourn

Chair Garner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Halter motioned to accept and member Capone seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Sharon Layton, Administrative Assistant III

Approved:

Jackie Garner, Regional Council Chair